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HIRING OF PRIVATE PROPERTIES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines issued by the Government for hiring and vacation of private properties;

(b) whether the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force hired private properties on rental basis for residential/official purposes;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the private properties hired by Defence Establishments in Delhi/New Delhi have not been vacated after the termination of the lease;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the time by which such properties are likely to be vacated?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) According to the existing guidelines, houses can be hired for defence purposes, subject to willingness of the owner. After the expiry of hiring period, the houses will ordinarily be dehired. During the agreed hiring period, the house can be dehired on the request of the owner, subject to approval of the Government. Renewal of hiring for a fresh period beyond initial hiring period can be resorted to with the willingness of the owner. There is also a provision for re-fixation of rent at the time of renewal of hiring. For dehiring of buildings hired prior to 9.3.1976, sanction of Ministry of Defence is to be taken.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. A total of 2611 properties have been hired by the three Services. Besides Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, Ministry of Defence, has hired 242 residential houses and 2 office properties in Delhi.

(d) to (f): Properties are normally handed over to the respective owners after termination of lease. Seven properties in Delhi have been sanctioned for dehiring, but could not be handed over to their respective owners for reasons of dispute of ownership, non-availability of the owner, or being under unauthorised occupation. All these buildings can be handed over as soon as authorised owner is available. One property of Air Force is to be sanctioned for dehiring.